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HULMEVILLE.

Miss Mary Fitzgerald, of New York, is the guest of William Tilton and family.

Edward J. Bicking went with his family to Philadelphia on Saturday to spend the winter.

M. E. prayer meeting will be held on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. John Dunlap.

Samuel Williams, of Bristol, spent New Year's afternoon with his brother, Joseph, and family.

A. Comley has opened an oyster saloon in the property formerly occupied by Hibbs & Brown.

The Epworth League will give an oyster supper in Hibbs' Hall on Saturday evening, January 30th.

The sleighing in this vicinity is fine, and the people who have sleighs are taking advantage of it.

Walter and Edward McElwee, Jr., spent the latter part of the week in Philadelphia with relatives.

Mrs John Stuard, of Philadelphia, was home visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Roberts Wednesday of last week.

Hulmeville was without mail from Saturday until Monday afternoon on account of the trolleys being blocked by the snow.

William Quinlin returned to Fitzburg, Mass., Wednesday afternoon of last week after spending a week with Joseph Cliver and family.

The mills were all closed on New Year's Day, and with the exception of Beetz's hair cloth factory, did not open until Monday.

The new year was ushered in by the ringing of the church bell and blowing of whistles and firing of pistols and a variety of other noises.

Mrs. Louis Girton and daughter, of Bristol, spent Wednesday afternoon of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douglass.

Miss Mabel Sheppard, one of the teachers in our schools, is visiting her parents in Warwick, N. Y., while the schools are closed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church will be held on next Wednesday afternoon, January 13, at the home of Henry Douglass.

John Noon, a student of the Williamson School, has been spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Noon. He returned to school on Monday.

The weavers on the power looms of the Eden Manufacturing Co.'s mill went on a strike last week on account of a cut in wages, and they have not yet resumed work at this writing.

A boy from Woodbourne, who was attending school here, was taken sick and died of diphtheria, and on Thursday the schools were closed for a week and they will be thoroughly fumigated before they are re-opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gill, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry and Mrs. Sarah Roberts and son, Levi, spent New Year's Day with Mrs. Lillie Joyce, in Attleboro, and Andrew R. Joyce is spending several days with her.

William Squier and family, of Holmesburg; Misses Gertrude and Mabel Estell and Lawrence D nais, of Branch of Battle Creek Sanitarium, and Miss Ella Estell, of Langhorne, were visitors at the home of J. Smedley Estell the past week.

The annual meeting of the Hulmeville Horse Company was held in the Council Chamber on the afternoon of New Year's Day. They met with no losses the past year. After the business meeting was over the members of the company proceeded to Hibbs' Hall, where their annual dinner, consisting of roast turkey, duck, fried oysters, etc., was served by the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church. The members were well pleased with their dinner and a vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for the excellent manner in which it was gotten up.

The death of John C. Rousseau, a former Bristolian, at Fort Worth, Texas, occurred on Christmas Day. The Fort Worth Record says in part:

A noted civil engineer, John C. Rousseau, died on Christmas Day, aged 65 years. He had been sick for the past ten days with pneumonia. The deceased had lived in Fort Worth a long time and had done a great deal of civil engineering for the Santa Fe, the International and the Great Northern and 'Frisco railroads. He was buried at Oakland Cemetery. The deceased was born in Bristol, Pa., and was a son of the late Dr. L. V. Rousseau, of Bristol, and a brother of L. V. Rousseau, of Bound Brook, N. J. He located in Texas twenty-three years ago and began the practice of his profession. He was one of the engineers who laid out the route of the Santa Fe from Galveston to Fort Worth. There are but few civil engineers in Texas who are better known professionally than Colonel Rousseau. He was engaged in many large undertakings and for many years had a large practice as a consulting engineer.

EMILIE.

Members of the Perseverance Horse Company were out in full force on Saturday.

School attendance is quite small owing to the severe weather and bad condition of the roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larzalere, Mrs. S. Gibbs and Miss Dora Lovett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright Sunday.

Horace Cox received a severe injury on the foot with an axe, severing an artery, causing a great loss of blood while cutting timber in the woods.

Hawkins: "Someone told me that your Uncle John had struck natural gas. Is it true?" Simpson: "That's what. He married a widow last week who had talked three husbands into the cemetery, and she's still on the sunny side o forty."

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LANGHORNE

McKim Haddaway and friend have returned to college.

There is an unusual amount of sickness about the borough.

Work has not been suspended on the Cut-off, as reported.

Miss Margaret Watson gave a house party on December 31st.

We are pleased to learn that Samuel Harvey is able to be about.

Cold weather is keeping visitors at home, making the town quiet.

Miss Gibson, of near Scottsville, was a visitor in Langhorne recently.

Theodore Phillips and family have removed to the city for the winter.

Miss Lila Gatchell, of Philadelphia, entertained a number of her Langhorne friends on December 31st.

A number of Councilmen were under the necessity of attending Court this week hoping for a speedy decision.

Business is reported good by local merchants, notwithstanding wind or weather. Coal merchants are wearing smiles.

Samuel Kennedy had a runaway on Monday from the Reading station. The animal was caught about Stephen Kirk's.

Several Langhornites surprised Mr. and Mrs. Bowell, of Morrisville, Monday evening, it being a fine evening for sleighing.

Miss Jewell Harding and Lilly Gallagher received the two dolls that were chanced off at E. O. Belman's on Christmas.

Elmer Mason and family, of Philadelphia, and William Smith and family, of Newtown, were recent visitors in Langhorne.

William McIlhenny, once a resident of Langhorne, is quite ill with pneumonia at his present home in Emilie. Much concern is expressed by his old neighbors.

Samuel Gallagher, employed at the Neshaminy bridge, reported the thermometer 11 degrees below zero Tuesday morning.

Mails are uncertain in Langhorne since the storm, but probably everything in regard to trolleys and mails will be speedily adjusted with a change of weather.

The Sorosis met on December 31st at the club house with a fair attendance for this arctic weather. Delightful music was rendered and interesting papers were read and discussed.

Forty-eight dollars was the sum received for admission at the Odd Fellows' Hall at the rendering of the cantata "Johnnie Doubter," under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday school.

Notwithstanding the low temperature Saturday evening the dance at the Bucks County Country Club was well as attended as usual. The dances are exceptionally popular under such capable management.

Next in order is the regular meeting of the Sorosis Club on January 7th. Electric lights are being placed on the building, which will be an addition to the fine large parlors, which are unrivalled in Langhorne.

New Years was a quiet day in Langhorne. Preparations for a noisy time had been agitated by the youngsters but the noise of bells and pistols was speedily checked by those in authority and the boys were forced to retire from the field.

Harry Clarke, of Philadelphia, lost control of his horse on Sunday while out sleighing with a friend. The weather was intensely cold and the horse in fine condition, therefore it is not surprising that he wanted his own way. No one was injured. Mr. Clarke was compelled to walk quite a distance, leading the splendid animal, after he had abandoned the sleigh.

ATTLEBORO.

The weavers at Markgraf's are out on a strike.

William Jansen moved to Bristol on Monday.

Mrs. Louis M. Carter spent Thursday in Tullytown.

Ellis, son of Harry Bilger, is sick with scarlet fever.

Charles Zebley is serving on the jury at Doylestown this week.

The trolleys were out of business for a couple of days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briggs were visitors at Louis M. Carter's on New Year's Day.

Misses Ray and Florence Messinger, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with their aunt, Mrs. William Smith.

Mrs. Maurice Carter and son, Roy, of Bristol, and Mrs. Charles Flowers and son, Charles of Eden, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hillborn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith entertained the following on Sunday: Mrs. H. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. William Carmany and daughter, Lelia, of Roxborough, and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Messinger and daughter, Florence Ray, of West Philadelphia.

A birthday surprise was given to Mrs. John Patterson on Wednesday, December 30th. The evening was pleasantly spent with musical selections. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. George Brelsford, Mrs. J. Lenike and daughter, Lizzie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Souders and daughter, Lizzie, Mr. and Mrs. George Cutler, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Mrs. B. Barlow, Mrs. John Patterson, Sr., Mrs. J. Erb, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bispham, Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Hettie Reese, Misses Ella and Lizzie Patterson, Sara Reese, Mr. D. Reese and Master William Reese.

A birthday surprise party was tendered to Miss Laura McDonald at her home on Woodland avenue on Saturday evening, January 2, in honor of her 17th birthday anniversary. A number of friends were present and spent a most enjoyable evening in dancing and singing and listening to selections on the phonograph. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. The table was tastefully decorated with a massive birthday cake, cut flowers and palms. Music was furnished by Mr. D. Brelsford, violinist, and Harry L. Bilger, cornetist. Several duets were rendered by Mr. Gibson, of Havre de Grace, and Mr. Rowe, of New York. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brelsford, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bessley, Miss Laura MacDonald Lizzie Sanders, Maggie Mahan, Carrie MacDonald, Lizzie and Susie MacDonald, Russell and Lewis Bispham, Isaac Pierce, Griffith Reese, Fred Lillick, Speedy Schultz, Harry L. Bilger, Alfred MacDonald, of Eden; Joseph Davis, Philadelphia; Charles Rowe, New York; John Styre, Woodbourne; John Kay and Robert Gibson, of Havre de Grace.

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News of the County

Special Correspondence from Near-by Towns

DOYLESTOWN.

Judge Mahlon H. Stout assumed his official duties on Monday when the January term of Civil court began. A handsome bouquet of roses, a vase of carnations and the reading of Judge Stout's commission from the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth were the only things to indicate that Judge Stout had not presided in that capacity for years. While the audience and Bar rose at the fall of Crier Bigley's gavel Judge Stout ascended the Bench in his customary modest but dignified manner. The business of the court proceeded without the least friction or confusion. The favorable impression made by Judge Stout was instantaneous and general. That it will endure throughout his term those who witnessed his opening session have no doubt.

Judge Stout, in a few moments appeared to forget himself and the fact that he was in a new and untried position and concentrated his entire attention to the matters before him.

A great deal of interest was manifested in the occasion. Officeholders and ex-officeholders were present and there was an unusually large attendance on the part of members of the Bar. Citizens to whom court proceedings are an old story joined the procession to the court house, all anxious to witness the opening session under Judge Stout's administration.

Before court convened many called at Judge Stout's private office to congratulate him and wish him success.

The only new official at the clerk's desk was Prothonotary Stephen K. Atkinson.

Among the citizens noticed in the Bar and court room were many from distant parts of the county. In the corridors and court room before court opened there was an exchange of pleasant greetings and congratulations but entirely devoid of any political significance. Former Judge Yerkes was not present as he has been in Philadelphia with his family for some time.

Promptly at 10.35 Court Crier Bigley rapped for silence and the audience arose as Judge Stout ascended the Bench. Immediately after court opened Crier Bigley read Judge Stout's Commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth. The commission of Prothonotary Atkinson was also read.

"Call the list of jurors," said Judge Stout, and the business of the term was under way without other formality. Prothonotary Atkinson called the roll of jurors. The first attorney to address the court was William C. Ryan, Esq., the matter concerning a juror's excuse.

The trial list was then called and cases marked for trial or continued.

When the transaction of miscellaneous business began, Judge Stout's former partner, Harvey S. Kiser, Esq., was the first to present a legal paper.

The examination of the trial list and miscellaneous business occupied the greater part of the morning session. The novelty of having a new Judge on the Bench soon subsided and the business of the court proceeded as rapidly and smoothly as though Judge Stout had presided for years.

THE JUDGE'S FIRST RULING

Before the morning session closed Judge Stout was called upon to decide an interesting legal question involving the incorporation of the new borough of Ivyland. His ruling was made promptly but may be left to the Superior Court to determine finally.

It appears that subsequent to the decree of Judge Yerkes incorporating the borough certain property holders appeared before the Court alleging that they had not been represented at the hearing through failure of their counsel to appear and that they were opposed to incorporation. Thereupon Judge Yerkes revoked his decree incorporating the village. The citizens in favor of incorporation question the authority of Judge Yerkes to revoke his decree, his last term of court having expired. As an election of borough officers had been fixed for Tuesday it was a matter of considerable moment and was argued before Judge Stout Monday, Henry Lear, Esq., representing the borough and William C. Ryan, Esq., the petitioners. Mr. Lear argued that the application to have the decree revoked was made after the term of court, at which the decree had been entered had terminated, as was shown by the records of the Court. Mr. Ryan contended that the term had not expired until the present term began and that Judge Yerkes still had jurisdiction over the matter at the time he entered the order and that his action in the matter was proper exercise of the discretion with which he was vested. Judge Stout, after hearing the arguments of counsel, revoked the order of Judge Yerkes and dismissed the rule granted thereunder. It is understood that the petitioners will appeal the case to the Superior Court.

In this proceeding as in others, the impression made by Judge Stout was, as stated, entirely favorable, and it was the conviction of everybody present that he would make an admirable Judge in every respect.

Considerable surprise on the part of the public was manifested Saturday when it was announced that the new Democratic Board of County Commissioners were compelled to negotiate a loan of $20,000 from the Bucks County Trust Company. It was not, however, a matter of surprise to those who have been watching the trend of affairs. It has been a subject of gossip for some time in political circles that the Commissioners were getting into close quarters and the matters were precipitated by a demand from the State Treasurer for the State tax amounting to $38,548.70. The money was not in the treasury and the only thing to do was to borrow. In the course of time the greater part of the money will be refunded by the State but in the meantime the county will pay interest on the borrowed money. It is not charged that the Democratic Commissioners have been unduly extravagant but that they might have prepared for the emergency by increasing the tax rate. When the Republicans controlled the office they invariably had a large balance in the treasury, usually in the neighborhood of $80 000, but it was charged that this was an unnecessary and unwarranted practice, so the tax rate was reduced. They managed thereafter to administer the county's affairs economically but their Democratic successors soon became embarrassed. They would have been wiser had they restored the old rate at the beginning of their term instead of waiting until they were obliged to borrow. It has been a long time since the county has been compelled to borrow money. A perverse fate seems to decree that Democracy and an empty treasury shall go hand in hand. When the Republicans came into power some years ago they found $5,000 in the treasury and a legacy of debts amounting to $15,000.

MEETING OF BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Bucks County Bar Association held its 21st annual meeting and banquet at the Fountain House Saturday evening. After dining on oysters, terrapin, planked shad, spring turkey and venison, in fact every palatable dish the hotel people could devise, the attorneys responded to toasts with R. Wesley Keeler, Esq., in the capacity of toastmaster. The toasts were as follows:

"Retrospect," Hon. Harman Yerkes.
"Prospect," Hon. Mahlon H. Stout.
"Oratory," Isaac J. Vanartsdalen.
"What I Know about Politics," Asher K. Anders.
"Law," J. Freeman Hendricks.
"Sense," John C. Swartley.
"Nonsense," Webster Grim.
"Education," Hugh B. Eastburn.
"Twin Babies of the Bar," George Ross and William R. Stuckert.

Hon. Harman Yerkes was unable to be present and his response to the toast assigned him was read by one of the members of the Bar.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. Harman Yerkes; Vice President, Hugh B. Eastburn; Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, Harvey S. Kiser; Directors, Wesley Keeler, William C. Ryan, William Stuckert, John C. Swartley, Thomas Ross, Henry O. Harris and J. Freeman Hendricks; Library Committee, Wesley Keeler, Ely Smith, Henry A. James, George Jenks and Webster Grim.

Those present were: William C. Ryan, J. Freeman Hendricks, Henry A. James, Harry J. Shoemaker, Asher K. Anders, Harvey S. Kiser, Wesley Keeler, Wesley Bunting, John C. Swartley, Wynne James, Hugh B. Eastburn, Henry O. Harris, Thomas A. Ross, Webster Grim, J. Kirk Leatherman, Charles E Bartlett, Warren S. Long, Ely J. Smith, Isaac J. Vanartsdalen, Charles B. Hall, Charles Myers, Thomas G. Leslie, Mahlon H. Stout, Joseph W. Shelly.

BRSITOLS' BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The Assessors have filed with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court the December registration of births and deaths for the preceding six months. They show that for the period named there were 754 births and 504 deaths. Bristol borough. Second ward, lead in the number of births, 38 being recorded. There were 26 births in Sellersville and 25 in Perkasie. Bristol borough, Fourth Ward, and Doylestown township are credited with the largest number of deaths, there being 23 in the former district and 22 in the latter. The registration for the four wards of Bristol is as follows:

	Births	Deaths
First Ward,	13	16
Second Ward,	38	14
Third Ward,.	13	12
Fourtht Ward,	15	23

Clerk Crouthamel, of the Commissioners office has footed up the total number of voters in the county by districts, making 19,729 in all. The figures are compiled from the December registration. Perkasie has a larger registration than any single district, numbering 670. The Second Ward of Bristol is next with 609 votes.

TULLYTOWN.

Raymond Bunting is attending school at Philadelphia.

A. Grose has returned home from a visit to Lambertville, N. J.

John Wright spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Radnor, Pa.

The new year was ushered in by the blowing of steam whistles and shooting of firearms.

Wharton Roberts moved from John Cochran's tenant house to Anthony Burton's house on Monday last.

One of our young men was out sleighing on Sunday last with two lady friends and had the misfortune of turning all out in a snow bank.

The large ice houses commenced putting in ice on Friday last. It is hoped the weather will continue favorable until they are able to get the houses full.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday at the home of John Henry when his daughter, Mamie, was married to William J. Stokes, of Penns Manor. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have our best wishes.

The weather man has been working overtime these last few days. Thermometers around here registered from 5 to 11 below zero on Tuesday morning. Rather too cool to enjoy the fine sleighing.

After a short illness Mrs. James Vogan passed away at midnight on December 31st at the age of 73. The funeral took place on Monday from her late residence. The deceased leaves a husband and several grown-up children to mourn her loss.

Miss Helen Lafferty narrowly escaped being badly burned at her home near Tullytown. In striking a match to light a lamp the head flew off and set fire to her dress. Her father, after a hard fight, wrapped her in a blanket, extinguishing the flames. We are glad to say only her clothes were burned.

The Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton trolley people are certainly giving the patrons great service. The snowstorm of Saturday last closed the road shortly afternoon and it was not opened up until Sunday evening. Then no power until Monday evening and on Tuesday no power after 9 a. m. This is a great disadvantage to the traveling public.

PENN'S MANOR.

Sleighs are in demand at present.

George White filled his ice house on Thursday and Friday of last week. Just in time.

Some people are borrowing fears from the future because the river is a solid mass of ice.

Ed. Greenle has been laid up with a bad cold for over a week, as has also his father, Joseph Greenle.

The Christian Endeavor Society held its monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Scarborough on last Monday evening.

Owing to the intense cold and partly drifted roads the meeting in the chapel was very slimly attended on Sunday, and the holding of the Lord's Supper was therefore postponed until some future day.

Nominations for the spring election in Falls township will be held on January 19th at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel. Some of the candidates are out canvassing the district to see how many good friends they have.

The first month of the year was inaugurated with severe winter weather. On Saturday morning a miniature blizzard set in, with snow and sleet, accompanied by a high wind, with the thermometer falling down towards zero. Tuesday morning was the coldest for many years, the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero in a sheltered place.

EDGLEY.

Miss Lulu Parr is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

J. H. Williams has taken a position at Cramp's shipyards.

Rev. T. J. Elliott, of Norton, Conn., has been visiting at Harry Simpson's.

Mrs. S. H. King was the guest of Mrs. C. Crosscup, of Philadelphia last Wednesday,

Misses Anna and Viola Simpson entertained their classmates from the high school last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Stackhouse spent New Year's Day with Mrs. Charles Crosscup, in Philadelphia.

ANDALUSIA.

Katie and Mary Carroll spent the holidays with their aunt in Bustleton.

Mrs. J. W. Stackhouse spent New Years Day with Miss Alice Walter, in Doylestown.

Our friends say they will not come to see us if they have to stand at the trolley junction with frozen feet.

Jonathan Vanzant celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his own and his wife's wedding day on the 29th of December.

Miss Smith, of Clover Nook, called at the King Library with her dog "Sherry." He was given a piece of cake when he immediately growled for another piece. This dog is not a beggar like other dogs, but demands his rights.

We do not pretend that the Chapel of Andalusia is as beautiful as Solomon's Temple, but it was built for the same purpose, and for all we know there may be as many angels in it—at any rate it is worth going there to see.

We have several fine musicians in Andalusia, but a recent pupil of Mrs. Alfred Kirk's has astonished everyone who has heard him perform. It is fair to say that if he had not so good a teacher he would not have made such rapid progress.

If cleanliness stands very high among the virtues, the people of Andalusia are much indebted to the children who supply them so freely with soap. Our thanks are due to Miss Maragret King and many other ladies too numerous to mention.

Miss Amanda McElroy and Daniel O'Donnell returned to their respective schools on January 4, the former to West Chester State Normal, and the latter to Bloomsburg State Normal, after spending a very delightful vacation at their homes in Andalusia.

Joseph Morris has a very pretty Christmas tree. We do not know whether Joseph is a poet or not, but certainly it is a very original idea to represent a tree in the house, just as it would be if exposed to the storm outside. How the effect is produced you will observe for yourself better than we can describe it. And this tree need not be thrown away but may be kept like the children's toys from year to year.

We have heard the saying "How blessings brighten as they take their flight," and riches are not the only things that "take to themselves wings and fly away," and there is only one loss that can never be made up and that is a bleeding heart. It is not the intellect which is spoken of but that within us that loves something worthy of being loved. And then when the power of loving is gone, what then? Let Byron answer:

"Oh could I feel as I have felt or be as I have been,
Or weep as I could once have wept o'er many a vanished scene;
As springs in deserts found seem sweet, all brackish though they be
So midst the withered waste of life those tears would come to me.

KING LIBRARY.

The King Library, of Andalusia, was built in 1882, but was not publicly opened until December 28th, 1886, at which time both Bishop Stevens and Bishop Whitaker were present and made addresses. Dr. King also spoke and related the reasons for which he had founded the library, which in brief was as a gift to the people of Andalusia in return for the kindness and respect they had always shown him, and as an expression of his wishes in regard to them that they should learn to read as he did himself and have a convenient way of attaining to it.

To make the library a permanent institution Dr. King made application to the trustees of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to accept the title to the property, which they agreed to do on condition of its being called a parish library and that means should be provided for its support. Both of these conditons were acceded to and the means assured and the title to the lands, building, books, etc., was vested in them with the provision that the charge and care of the library and books and uses of them shall be under the control of the rector of All Saints' Church.

Upon the death of Mr. King in 1901 by some arrangement with the trustees the library passed into the hands of the rector and wardens of All Saints' and is now under their sole direction.

Mr. Eastman and a committee of ladies take turns in meeting with the people at the library on Saturday evenings to try and interest them in the entertainment that Dr. King has provided for them.

In Lockhart's life of Sir Walter Scott in a letter received by Sir Walter there are some remarks about libraries in general which are well suited to the present day. There are a good many people who come to libraries, who want to read but don't know what they want and it is the business of the librarian to tell them what they want before they know it themselves, that is to say, that a librarian is an M. D., which means not medical doctor, but "mental doctor." To prescribe in these cases is sometimes very easy and sometimes very hard. A lady once came into the King library who wanted something to read in which there was a "good deal happening." This was, of course, such a very clear description that the book was found at once but sometimes it is not so easy to decide. A gentleman once asked for a book by Jack London. He had forgotten its name. The librarian had not at that time heard of Jack London, but he had heard of a Jack and the Bean Stalk and Jack the Giant Killer, but he didn't know if Jack London had written them or not but neither of these books would do, the gentleman having already read them. and he didn't want anything like that. He wanted something about a dog, so the librarian gave him "Bob, Son of Battle," and he read the other book afterwards and said he liked "Bob, Son of Battle," the best. So the medicine he really wanted was not what he came to get.

A library is like a dinner table on which there are a good many different kinds of dishes, only visitors don't generally go around tasting all the dishes before they decide what they want. The object in this case would be to see if they had ever tasted it before. But why should you object to reading the same book twice, if it is a good book? If it is good for your mind like bread is good for your body, why not read it every day, like the Bible? If the people in novels are real people, why not become acquainted with them; and how can you do so by only seeing them once? Think how much trouble some people have taken to make people for you to become acquainted with. We won't say anything about those who are not real. Their authors, perhaps, have tried to make them so and have not succeeded, but there are some "who stand up and walk and talk," and although they were created in England nearly a hundred years ago yet you would recognize them at once if you met them in our streets today not by any peculiarity, for they have none. They are just ordinary human beings. All of Miss Austen's books are of this kind.

There is in the possession of the librarian of the King library a book printed in London in 1676. It is entitled "The Dawn of the Gospel Day," and was written by Francis Howgil, a member of the Society of Friends. It has been in the family of the said librarian for a long time. His great-great-grandmother, Hannah Brooks, who was born in 1718, had it in her possession, but there are other names written in the book previous to this. There is John Baggs, who had the book in 1685, and also Pallo Herman, who states that he owned the book. The librarian wants to know who Hannah Brooks' father and mother were and he thought perhaps some of the Friends in Byberry or elsewhere might know something about her or her husband, Stephen Simmons, or the other persons mentioned. This is only written as a part of the Andalusia news. It is not an advertisement. He does not care if he had a great-great-great-grandmother or not. Only some of his relations asked, and he thought perhaps some Friends somewhere might be interested. If, however, John Baggs should turn out to be Hannah Brooks' grandfather, and Pallo Herman John Baggs' grandfather, he will feel much indebted to the person who gave him the information of his ancesters to the ninth generation and will try to trace theirs even further back if possible.

The book is interesting in more ways than one. To look at the binding of this book, which is as good now as the day it was made up in London 228 years ago, only eleven years after the great fire and plague, and then to look at the way they bind books nowadays; and does any one know why they printed in such large letters in those days? But if the binding is not quite so good and the printing is not quite so large the literature has certainly improved. Francis Howgil must have thought he wrote very well or he would not have gone through the same thing over and over again in that book of we don't know how many hundred pages. We are very sorry for the Friends, for a great many of our ancestors were of that persuasion, but if they were persecuted it is no reason that Francis Howgil should expect any one to read such a lengthy book, as far as we can make out, about nothing.

EDDINGTON.

Don't forget it is leap year.

'Squire Vandegrift took his family sleighing on Sunday.

Chairs were not needed in the aisles at the churches on Sunday.

We hear that we are going to lose one of our neighbors, who is going to move to Bristol.

Lewis J. Bevan, the Bristol tinsmith, has the most up-to-date calendar in this vicinity.

Our enterprising storekeeper treated his customers each with a box of candy on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. McNally have moved to Philadelphia, and Mr. Thorn has rented the house he occupied.

Misses Anna and Mary Wagner, of Holmesburg, were visiting friends in this place on New Year' Day.

We are very sorry to hear that our Bridgewater storekeeper is very ill, but hope he may soon recover.

An evening company was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vandegrift on Saturday evening, January 2nd, 1904, in honor of their grand-daughter, Miss Edna Vandegrift. The time was spent in playing games and singing, at a late hour the guests were called to the dining room where refreshments were served. The remaining hours were spent in music and dancing. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vandegrift, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vandegrift, Mr. and Mrs. John Keene Mrs. Wm. Thorne, Misses Edna Vandegrift, Rena Thorne, Anna Whitehead, Fannie Vandegrift, Lidie Hogeland, May Dyer, Emily Clemence, Messrs. Wm. Hogeland, Charles Thorn, George States, Wilmer Clemence, Francis Tomlinson, Oscar Knight, Roland Vandegrift. The parlor was most beautifully decorated with greens for the occasion and all those present spent a most enjoyable evening and in the wee small hours of the morning the guests departed for their homes wishing the hostess many happy surprises.

MORRISVILLE.

The Morrisville Gun Club conducted a New Year's shoot Friday afternoon, eight five-target sweepstake events being held. In each event there was first and second money. There were a large number of shooters out. Charles Allen, the Trenton shooter, did the best work of the afternoon, breaking the greatest number of targets. Farlee was second and Harper third.

In the arrest of Michael Baskey, of Morrisville, and Paul Mehoe, of Trenton, on Saturday, Special Officer Norton, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who resides in Philipsburg, believes he has made an important capture, and the men may turn out to be the experts who have given trolley companies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania so much trouble by cutting wires. Baskey was arrested on suspicion that he was a wire thief. At the police station Sergeant Mullen found a false pocket in the tail of Baskey's overcoat and brought forth a tool used by linemen for cutting wires. Baskey waived examination and was held by Justice Matheson in the sum of $500 bail. Later Paul Mehoe, alias Smith, was captured, charged with being an accomplice of Baskey, and was committed to the Mercer county jail in the sum off $500 bail.

The Finance committee of the coming centennial celebration at Morrisville held a meeting Thursday night in William G. Howell's office on Bridge street. The matter of how the programme should be mapped out was discussed. It was finally discussed. It was finally decided to have the parade in the morning of the day that the event will come off. A number of military companies will be invited to take part with the local societies. An effort will be made to secure the attendance of Governor Pennypacker and other distinguished men from different parts of the States. The question as to how to raise the funds to meet the expenses was considered and it was finally decided to get out printed subscription books and that the committee be divided into delegations of three, who would call on the residents of the borough for donations, and also on Trenton business men and all others who are interested. The book will be ready by Thursday night, when another meeting of the committee will be held.

In late years men have made fortunes out of tailings of gold mines. The mills in which the ore formerly was crushed and the crude process then in use allowed a large percentage of the precious metal to escape, and that loss amounted in some cases to a fortune. The stomach is just like a stamp mill in this respect, that when it is not in perfect order it allows the escape and waste of much of the precious nutriment contained in the food. That loss when continuous means the loss of man's greatest fortune,—health. Science offers a remedy for this condition in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It corrects the "weakness" of the stomach, prevents waste and loss of nourishment, and puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition into a condtion of health which enables them to save and assimilate all the nutriment contained in the food which is eaten. In all cases of constipation the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will speedily and permanently cure the disease.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists. 12-24-4

YARDLEY.

Isaac Wilson spoke at Friends' Meeting on Sunday as a special guest.

Mrs. Irvin Aaron is unfortunately numbered on the sick list this week.

Clara Lynn, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of her parents for several days.

Miss May Pursell is reported ill this week. Dr. Bassett has charge of the case.

John McFetridge and wife, of Oil City, are the guests of Mr. McFetridge's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Black were entertained by friends in Trenton one evening of last week.

Charles Brown, who was on the sick list for several days, has recovered and is able to go to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strack, of York, Pa., were entertained by friends in Yardley on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Toombe Wharton has a severe attack of appendicitis. Dr. Wareham is the physicin in charge.

Miss Lillian B. Yardley has returned to her home in Philadelphia after spending the holidays in Yardley.

Jesse H. Smith, of Newark, Del., who has been the guest of friends in Yardley, has retruned to his home.

Samuel Levin has opened a shoe repair shop in Yardley in the small building just below Pursell and Black's store.

Mrs. Walter N. Eastburn, of New Yor City, after being the guest of Mrs. E. C. Smith, has returned to her home.

Miss Emma Sidebotham, of Frankford, has returned to her home after being entertained by friends in Yardley.

Mr. and Mrs. Willim C. Ryan and daughter, of Doylestown, were entertained at the home of Mrs. E. C. Smith this week.

Martin Shanahan, of Middletown, Conn., has returned to his home after spending the holidays with friends in this locality.

Miss Gertrude Pursell has returned to her home in Garfield, where she is employed as teacher in the public schools of that place.

Miss Anna W. Comfort, who is spending some time at the home of T. C. Knowles, has returned from Philadelphia, where she was the guest of friends for several days.

Augustus Cadwallader, Algernon Cadwallader and their sister, Elsie, have returned to George School, where they are students, after spending the holidays at their home.

Edward Titus has started to run the hack from the station to all parts of the town. Those wishing to communicate with him can do so by leaving orders either at Pursell & Black's store, or at the drug store.

Edward Insinger, while driving to the station on Monday morning, caught the runner of his sleigh in the trolley track, causing the sleigh to upset. The occupants were thrown out but not injured. The horse received a deep gash in the neck, caused by a shaft.

Frank Fly was taken to the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia last Tuesday to have an operation for a rupture performed. The operation was performed on Saturday afternoon with good results, and at this time Mr. Fly is reported as doing very well. Dr. Bassett had charge of the case while it was in Yardley.

One day last week the Swartzlander home where the Misses Swartzlander reside, was appraised preparatory to the sale of the property in January at Court. The appraisers were Edward Twining, T. S. Cadwallader, Watson Cadwallader, Robert Eastburn, Jonathan Lovett and Irvin Aaron. It was estimated that the house was worth $2425.

Cyrus Eastburn, of near Dolington, had the misfortune to be badly hurt on Monday evening while on his way to the station to meet his daughter. He was riding in a sleigh when the fender on the trolley caught the runner and upset it. Mr. Eastburn was rendered unconscious and was carried into the home of Jow Lee, where he subsequently recovered. Mr. Eastburn's face was badly cut, but no bones were broken. The sleigh and horse were uninjured.

OXFORD VALLEY.

James G. Paxson was visiting friends in the village last week.

The New Year was ushered in with about as much noise as usual.

Miss Rebie Wright is Christian Endeavor leader for Sunday evening.

Granville Barbson is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. C. Y. Stradling.

Mrs. O. O. Wildman was visiting her sister Mrs. Furner, of Germantown, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Sleighing is fine and though the thermometer registers below zero, several from this village are making good use of it.

J. Warner Martindell is employed on the Bristol and Doylestown trolley and intends moving to Hulmeville in a few days.

An engine on the Reading Railroad exploded on Sunday night near Woodbourne, wrecking the engine, killing two persons and seriously injuring a third.

The monthly business meeting of the C. E. Society convened on New Years eve. The Society has adopted the Endeavor Hymnal which will be in use in a short time. The consecration evening has been changed from the last to the first Sunday in each month. It was decided to use the Christian Endeavor benediction instead of the Mizpah.

It was with surprise and deepest regret that this community learned on New Years Day of the death of Howell Miller, of Woodbourne, which had occurred during the previous night. Howell was the second son of William K. Miller, a bright engaging boy. His death was caused by diphtheria, and the seriousness of his illness was not known until a very short time before he died. He was a member of C. C. Wildman's class in the Sunday school in this place, where he will be missed very much. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

The following is the programme of the mortgage burning to be held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, January 10, at 2.30. Organ Voluntary, Miss Bertha Schaffer; Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."; Apostles' Creed; Invocation; Scripture Reading; Music, Male Quartette; History of Oxford Valley C. E. Chapel, A. L. Spencer; Music, Male Quartette; Anniversary Sermon, Rev. O. J. Randall; Music, Male Quartette; Offering, (Organ Voluntary—Miss Bertha Schaffer); Mortgage Burning; Closing Prayer and Benediction. Everyone is cordially invited to this service.

The Strenuous Life.

Every day the system needs a certain quantity of nutritious matter to supply the deficiencies of the day before. The building up process must begin at the breakfast table. "Force", the new cereal tastes good and furnishes that material. A breakfast of "Force" fits the entire body for the strenuous trials of the day. "Force" is made of the best selected wheat. "Force" has a taste to it. One dish makes you want another. You can eat "Force" at any meal. At grocers everywhere

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Perry Heath has announced that he heard President McKinley say that he expected Mr. Hanna to succeed him as President. But Mr. Hanna has opined otherwise.

In his instructions to the Indian Office to get some results out of the fraud question President Roosevelt told them to cut red tape and inject red blood into their methods.

The esteemed Democratic Post-Dispatch of St. Louis queries, "Shall boodlers be exempt from punishment?" Why ask? The Missouri Supreme Court has already answered "Yes."

That latest gift of Mr. Rockefeller to the Chicago University was only $1,850,000. The question presenting itself to the oil consumers of the country is, what went with the other paltry $150,000?

It is bravely announced in the press dispatches that Colonel Bryan "will stick to silver." Considerable silver has stuck to Col. Bryan since he began publishing books and delivering lectures at so much per.

The Honorable David Bennet Hill was selected as orator for the annual banquet of the Albany Undertakers' Association. Far be it from us, says an exchange, to comment upon the wisdom and taste of the selection.

These gems of information which Mr. Bryan says he has absorbed in Europe will now be related to an anxious American public, either at so much per volume or through the prospective swollen subscription list of the Commoner.

It is announced that under recent Democratic reorganization, the New York Tenderloin district is to be cut up. Owing to the well known characteristic of this region of the metropolis, a great sharpening of hardware implements will be necessary.

Congressman Smith, of Iowa, dispersed a mob at Council Bluffs after the police had been overpowered. The statesman rendered an eloquent appeal to the peace loving instincts of the Smith family and two-thirds of the crowd quietly betook themselves to their homes.

Mr Bryan, as a result of his foreign tour, announces that he will advocate the building of official homes abroad for our foreign ambassadors and ministers. Think of it? Our idea was that Mr Bryan's unalterable determination was that the representatives abroad of the plain people should live in sheds.

With the appearance of the eleven American battleships at Panama, Columbia acquired a yearning desire for peace. The high-handed attempts of South American diplomacy to hold up the United States has received a well deserved quietus. Panama is to be the route, Nicaragua would have served equally well but Uncle Sam will now get his coat off and other garments if necessary, and proceed to do what the French nation failed in.

The land grabbers are working with considerable activity in the west. Realizing that an outraged public will soon rise up and demand of Congress the repeal of all land laws allowing speculative and monopolistic absorption, they are, while they're gittin, "gittin a' plenty."—at the rate of 2,000,000 acres a month, or 80,000 acres every working day. If this stealing, occurring principally under the Timber law and the Desert land law could be portrayed in figures representing actual values, it would make the Post Office speculations look smaller than the much quoted thirty cents.

On Monday Judge Mahlon H Stout held his first term of court at Doylestown. The occasion was attended by considerable interest and many of the Judge's friends from all points of the county were present. Judge Yerkes having been upon the local bench for twenty years it was but natural that an element of curiosity should prevail as to the manner his successor would conduct the business of the court. From all appearances the least concerned at the opening of court was Judge Stout. With calm dignity the wheels of justice were set in motion, and one unaware of the situation would have no thought but that the incumbent of the bench was one that had for years graced the positon. We confidently believe that the claims advanced by the friends of Judge Stout, in the interest of his candidacy, during the campaign, will be justified by the record that he will make upon the bench—that there will be a clean, dignified, firm and talented administration.

The Hearst boom is receiving some little attention. Mr. Hearst's active agents throughout the country and his various publications have made a strong bid for the labor vote and Mr. Hearst has been paraded to the front as the mailed champion of oppressed labor, young, vigorous and unterrified. Mr. Hearst is an avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. Mr. Gorman, while he has never avowed anything, is likewise believed to have a forceful inclination trending Whitehousewards. The recent appointment of a "neutral" instead of a Gorman man as Democratic national committeeman from the District of Columbia, where Mr Gorman was wont to rule supreme as in his own Maryland, gives color to the rumor that he is losing some of his old-time supremacy. Mr. Bryan will undoubtedly be called upon to support either Mr. Hearst or Mr. Gorman. Mr. Gorman supported Bryan only negatively—for the sake of regularity. Mr Hearst, on the other hand, through his big papers, has upheld Mr. Bryan vigorously and unflinchingly. Mr. Bryan is himself now out of range, and nothing would seem more natural than that he should turn about and doom Mr. Hearst, and at the same time feed fat his ancient grudge against the gold-bug Democrats. There is little or no possibility of the Hearst campaign acquiring any actual presidential chances, but it may develope a decidedly interesting and uncomfortably wide Democratic chasm.

President Roosevelt's special message to Congress was one of those straight-from-the-shoulder affairs that have so marked all of his utterances. Glittering generalities and ornate platitudes will not be found in the President's compositions. The salient points of his message had reference to the Panama situation, chief of which is wherein he makes extraneous all debate concerning the recognition of Panama as an independent Republic. That, he states, is already an accomplished fact. The only question is whether or no we shall build an Isthmian canal. The President declares, and the people will believe him, that there was no complicity by this Government in the revolutionary movement in Panama. The President states "that no one connected with this Government had any part in preparing, inciting or encouraging the late revolution on the Isthmus of Panama, and * * * no one connected with this Government had any previous knowledge of the revolution except such as was accessible to any person of ordinary intelligence who read the newspapers and kept up a current acquaintance with public affairs."

The President deals with the whole canal question in the most thorough form and in fact in his message takes the people into his confidence and tells them just what he knows about the important affairs that are now engaging public attention.

The Springfield, Mass. "Union" states that, "we may as well recognize that Judge Parker will be the Democratic candidate for President." Yet it is believed that there are others beside the Springfield "Union."

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

TELL US HOW IT HAPPENED.

Collegeville Independent.

There is now in the Federal Treasury $622 784,930 in gold, a sum much in excess of all previous accumulations, and amply sufficient to sustain the financial stability of the government.

DOESN'T HE TALK WELL.

Perkasie News.

And so this is our New Year's piece: May you all increase in wisdom—not for purposes of exhibition, but for personal enjoyment, and the benefit of humanity.

May you all be healthy; if ill, appreciate it as discipline chastening the spirit with a motive tending toward more satisfaction with manifold blessings when recovered.

May you all prosper in material things—so that obligations may be met; comforts, and the luxuries necessary to modern civilization procured—and save something per week toward possible need.

May you all help spread the gospel of Christianity, for thereby comes our happy condition, and liberties, and only thereby is their preservation guaranteed.

NOT THAT THEY LOVED YERKES LESS, BUT STOUT MORE.

Doylestown Intelligencer.

Mahlon H. Stout took his seat as President Judge of Bucks county on Monday morning at the regular session of civil court. This is an event of more than ordinary importance and interest to Bucks county. Judge Stout was chosen to the exalted office, the highest in the gift of the people of Bucks county, by a decisive majority, after a spirited campaign conducted by both political parties. His triumph was not partisan, however. A majority of the citizens of the county who chose to give expression to their preference in the matter deliberately selected him in preference to another. That they did so was in no sense a reflection on the ability and integrity of him who so long and learnedly has presided over the court of Bucks county.

MUST BE FAITHFUL TO THE PUBLIC.

Doylestown Republican.

In assuming the offices to which they were elected last Fall the new county officials are under pledge to administer them faithfully and to the best of their ability. While the fact that they are Republicans may be an occasion for party pride, they will also enjoy the confidence and respect of citizens without regard to party so long as they merit it. Worthy examples have been established by their predecessors, to whom the party and the people are indebted for faithful and conscientious discharge of duty. There is no doubt in anybody's mind but that the new officials will measure out to the highest standard. While factional strife has resulted in the loss of several county offices to the Republican party there will be opportunity to regain them by continued effort on the part of those in office to keep the party record above reproach. In doing this they will not only be loyal to their party in the highest and best sense, but what is far more important, faithful to the public and true to themselves.

A GROSS INSULT.

Lansdale Republican.

There are many things resorted to by Philadelphia papers to furnish sensations that are positively belittling to journalism and stultifying to the paper publishing the same. And not the least of these appeared on the first page of the North American on Tuesday morning.

The article alleged that gamblers had opened a den at Neshaminy Falls, in lower Bucks, feeling free to ply their nefarious business unmolested upon the retirement of Judge Yerkes from the bench at the first of year, virtually asserting that Judge-elect Stout would condone crime, by reason of the political pull the gamblers might have. This is a libelous insinuation, manifestly unfair to Mr. Stout, and invites the contempt of all thinking people upon the medium circulating it. Judge Stout will not take his seat until Monday next, and not until a reasonable time after that date can he be held responsible for open gambling or the toleration of cognizant lawlessness within his bailiwick.

To those acquainted with the exemplary life led by the incoming Judge of Bucks county, the insinuation of "Yellow" journalism will fall flat. His is the right of every public official—that of being given a chance to exercise the functions of his office before he be judged.

This being done his friends and supporters rest assured that justice will be dealt out to gamblers and other criminals in Bucks, under Mr. Stout's tenure of office, with the same unrelenting hand and impartial manner as was done by the Hon. Harmon Yerkes, who retires at the close of a score of years on the bench, meriting and possessing the respect of all.

A Famous Knocker.

In the door of the north porch of Durham cathedral is a very ancient and grotesque mask of brouze, the empty eye sockets of which are thought to have been either filled with crystal eyeballs or to have had a lamp burning behind them.

This cathedral was in mediæval days a famous sanctuary where any culprit charged with crime could find inviolable shelter, kindly entertainment for thirty-seven days and then if still unjustified or unpardoned safe escort to the coast and passage overseas. The only payment demanded was a full confession and a solemn oath never to return to England.

From a chamber over the north porch a monk watched continually to give immediate entrance to any fugitive, and as soon as this knocker on the door was grasped the rights of sanctuary were insured. The chamber was destroyed about a hundred years ago, but the famous Norman knocker still hangs in its place.—Pearson's Weekly.

TOYING WITH FAITH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CATHOLICITY.

Contradictory Positions That Emphasize the Wavering and Instability of Protestant Reasoning and Action.

It is a pity that such a potent social force as the Episcopal church should show unmistakable signs of mental confusion.

It assumes contradictory positions in reference to the Catholic church without seeming to recognize its pathetic inability to make up its mind definitely. This awakens the scorn of the onlooker who has a lingering reverence for logic and fixity of position.

It is sad, it is regrettable, for no one knowing the conservative attitude of Episcopalianism, the quality and position of its clerics and laymen, can deny that it is one of the strongest powers for social progress in the land. It has wonderfully preserved certain vestiges of its Catholic ancestry and has dimly held to opinions and traditions which newer sects have carelessly and foolishly cast off. Its clergymen of the stamp of Bishop Lawrence are not rare; its preservation, however mutilated, of the beautiful services of the Catholic church endears it to men and women who love beauty and are striving for faith.

But its attitude, if a point of view so changeable as to be called kaleidoscopic can be termed an "attitude," toward the Catholic church is one of the solemn jests of a century that is rather rich in humor of that sort. At times it has attempted eagerly to "arrange" historical connections with the Catholic church. Only last year Bishop Satterlee of Washington, when the question of the official title of the Episcopal church was mooted, stated that the word "Protestant" was the "bar sinister on the arms of the church!"

His view met with general acceptance too. But the winds of thought are now blowing in another direction. The intellectual fashion has changed. All connection with Rome must be indignantly repudiated. Cranmer must have at least a stick of incense; the reformation must be bathed in a halo of red fire; Henry VIII. and his matrimonial eccentricities must be carefully defended by the methods that Froude made popular with a certain class—the infant class who need their history carefully broken up before they can digest it.

The Episcopal bishops in session at Washington a few weeks ago fairly reveled in "Protestantism." Rome was to be admonished "charitably, though firmly." The pure light of the gospel must dispel the darkness with which Rome has enveloped the Filipino mind. And then came the arguments usually so potent with that sort of American who believes that the International Sunday school lesson and mothers' meetings and chicken pie socials and all the other paraphernalia of evangelical dissent will make of the Philippines a little paradise.

A few years will perhaps see the swing of the pendulum Romeward again.

But every change of base makes clearer the lack of a central teaching authority in the Episcopal body and thus invalidates any position assumed by an organization which proves itself a wheel without a center.—Boston Republic.

The Veneration of Relics.

The Rev. John J. Fynam of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Yonkers, N. Y., in a recent sermon made a vehement attack on Mark Twain while speaking about the veneration of relics. He said in part:

"Of notable examples that the Roman Catholic church is strictly Scriptural I will select one suggested by today's gospel—the honor and veneration of Catholics to saints. It is something that Protestants ridicule. They say that they are unable to understand why sensible men should attach so much importance to a garment or bone or relic of a saint. Men like that scurrilous buffoon Mark Twain travel through Catholic countries, Spain and Italy, and in their wanderings to the places of the many reliquaries are positively distracted at the genuflections and bowing during the exposition of the relics more famous than others. Holy Scripture tells us that the wisdom of God is not the wisdom of this world, and we look not to such Protestants for approval. In the Old Testament and the New Testament we have authority for belief and practice that miracles can be performed through contact with material objects connected with the lives of saints."

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother.

Among many other bequests of the late John A. Mooney there is a fund of $1,000 to the College of St. Francis Xavier, New York, for a medal to be awarded yearly to the undergraduate who will write the best essay on the social importance of the observance of the fourth commandment. The very reading of the entire will would satisfy one that the observance of this commandment was the testator's own special practice. There is scarcely one bequest that is not made in behalf or in memory of his father, mother or some honored professor who at one time or other had exercised authority over him. —Messenger.

SHORT SERMONS.

Whatever you may have in your purse, carry hope in your heart and spend it freely.

It is usually not so much the greatness of our trouble as the littleness of our spirit which makes us complain.

Keep on trimming your lamps, tilling your soil, tugging and pegging away. You never can tell when the messenger of success will come.

Consider from time to time what passions are most predominant in your soul and, having discovered them, adopt such a method of thinking, speaking and acting as may counteract them.

God delights in joy: it is one of the most certain means to secure his favors. But in order to rejoice in the Lord the soul must be purified, for the joy which pleases God must be that of a good conscience.

The Earthworm.

Among agricultural workers perhaps the earthworm receives the least attention. Its value to the land is seldom appreciated. It bores through the soil, making little tunnels in every direction, thereby admitting the air and moisture not only to the soil, but through the soil to the subsoil. During the process of boring it eats its way along, thereby grinding up the little particles of earth, rendering them finer and in better condition to retain moisture.

GEMS IN VERSE

Epitaph.

The field where men for little trophies vie,
The hollow acclamation lightly won,
Allured him not; he loved the quiet sky,
Wide spaces and the universal sun.

His spirit, native to the mountain air,
Stumbled through marshy valleys down to death;
Broken in frame, he smiled to cheat despair
And strove to sing with thin, impeded breath.

He lies beneath; in life he vainly tried
To breathe large notes upon a flute too slim.
Unuttered raptures filled him till he died.
Pray for his soul; his songs are dead with him.
—J. E. Barton in Saturday Review.

As it Often Happens.

Cooped in his tenth floor office, Mr. Brown
Watched the welcome rain come down.
He saw across the sky
The jagged streaks of lightning fly.
He stood and wondered
At the way it thundered,
And joy lit up his brow.
"My lawn," he chirped, "will get a drenching now—
My sickly little lawn, the worst
In Drearyhurst!
The dust is laid, thank heaven! In their beds
The flowers will raise their drooping heads
As if to offer their thanksgiving,
And life once more will be worth living."
Still it poured,
And still the thunder roared.
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Forth in the drenching shower
At his customary hour
Fared Mr. Brown,
Umbrellaless, the wettest man in town,
But cheerful; he was homeward bound.
He caught his train, and in due time he found
That, though he'd left the city all a-slop,
In Drearyhurst it hadn't rained a drop.
—Chicago Tribune.

I Will Go Out.

I will go out into cool woodland places,
Among old forest trees
That have heard many pray'rs, seen many faces
Of men and meet the breeze
And sun and rain and dwell awhile with these.

There are calm spirits in the trees and mountains.
To those with eyes to see
The old wood gods live yet; forests and fountains
Yield them security.
If I stay silent they will speak with me

Perfumed with pray'rs, I shall espy them stealing
Across the dim lit lawn
Ere evening's torch be raised or when revealing
Another day newborn
The wind talks with the mountains in the dawn.

I will go out into cool woodland places
With open heart and ears
And be a child again, running swift races
With backward reaching years
And laugh again and know God's gift of tears.
—H. B. Babcock in London Outlook.

August Gardens.

There is no summer garden close
Where August hath not blest the sod,
Tolled mid the lily and the rose
And at the twilight walked with God.

The paths whereon the waysides bloom
She holds as sacred and as dear,
And, passing through she whispers low,
"My Lord the Gardener is here."
—Frank Walcott Hutt in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Be not with honor's gilded baits beguiled
Nor think ambition wise because 'tis brave;
For, though we like it, as a forward child,
'Tis so unsound her cradle is her grave
—Davenant.

The Great Old World.

The cynics mock her,
The red storms rock her,
The earthquakes shock her,
But on she rolls!
Downcast, elated,
For ruin slated,
She still goes freighted
With human souls!

The great seas thunder
And rend asunder,
The white stars wonder
As Time grows gray;
But, reaping, sowing,
Her way she's going
To meet, unknowing,
A judgment day.

But—joy go with her!
Nor slip his tether
When stormy weather
Makes grief and moan!
Tragedy—just world—
Lust unto rest world,
Still—still the best world
We ever have known.
—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

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An Ordinance

Granting permission to the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and operate a telephone system in the Borough of Bristol and to erect, maintain and construct its poles and string wires and cables thereon upon the following streets in said borough, to-wit: Otter, Bath, Mill, Buckley Place, Beaver Dam road, Easter street, Pond, Cedar, Market, Mulberry, Walnut, Washington, Jefferson avenue, Franklin, Torrance, Penn and Wood streets; prescribing the manner of the erection, construction and maintenance of the same; providing that the wires or cables erected shall not interfere with the wires or cables of other companies; regulating the use of the streets named, providing for the restoration of all pavements, sidewalks, curbs and streets which may be displaced or damaged; reserving the right to use the poles for any fire alarm or police telegraph or telephone system now in use or hereafter to be adopted; providing for the use of certain telephones free of charge and the issuing of toll line service coupons for toll line service free of charge; providing that the rights of other companies to use the said streets for any purpose shall not be affected and that no exclusive privilege is hereby granted, and providing for the manner of the construction and operation of the said system; providing that said company, its successors and assigns shall be subject to future police ordinances; providing that the telephone system shall be constructed under the supervision of the Street Committee, imposing an annual tax or sum for each pole erected; and reserving the right to increase or change said annual tax or sum; regulating the abandonment of the system by said Company; providing that said Company, its successors and assigns, shall save, defend, keep harmless and indemnify the said Borough of Bristol, and Council; providing for the acceptance of the ordinance by said Company; and providing for the payment by said Company of all costs, counsel fees and expenses incident to the passage of this ordinance, and repealing conflicting ordinances

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same:

Sec. 1 That the permission contemplated by Section 1 of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled, "An Act to amend the fourth section of an Act supplementary to an Act entitled, 'An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations,' approved April twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, relating to the incorporation and powers of telegraph companies, for the use of individuals, firms and corporations, and fire alarm, police and messenger business" approved the twenty-fifth day of June, A. D. 1885, is hereby given to the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, to operate a telephone system in the Borough of Bristol, and to erect, construct and maintain its poles, and necessary fixtures, and string wires and cables thereon, upon the following named streets in the said Borough of Bristol, to wit, Otter street, Bath street, Mill street, Buckley street, Pine street, Beaver Dam road or Beaver street, Pond street, Cedar street, Market street, Mulberry street, Walnut street, Washington street, Lafayette street, Jefferson avenue, Franklin street, Torrance street, Penn street and Wood street and all streets; UNDER AND EXPRESSLY SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the terms, conditions and regulations hereinafter named.

Sec. 2 That all poles erected and to be erected by the said Company, its successors or assigns, shall be placed within the curb line, and at such a distance from the curb as the Street Committee of the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol shall direct, and all poles shall be neat and symmetrical, and shall not be less than twenty feet above the surface of the ground and shall be painted and kept painted their entire length by said Company, its successors and assigns, and shall be located so as in no way to interfere with the safety or convenience of persons traveling or upon said streets and to do the least injury to private property, and shall be as far as practicable located upon the less frequented side of said streets, and when practicable the poles of any other company now occupying said streets shall be used, when the consent of such other company can be obtained. All disputes in regard to the inspection, location and planting of the poles shall be decided by the said Street Committee.

Sec. 3. That the wires and cables erected by said company, its successors and assigns, shall be placed as not to interfere with the wires and cables of other companies now erected upon said streets.

Sec. 4. That all poles shall be planted and erected under the supervision of the Street Committee of the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol within the curb lines, at such place as shall be designated by said Street Committee, and the said company, its successors and assigns, shall properly replace, relay or renew all bricks, flag or other pavements, any sidewalks, curb or street or alley, which may have been displaced or damaged by it in the location, construction and maintenance of its poles, and leave the same in as good condition as they respectively were before the erection and location of the poles and as they were before being disturbed.

Sec. 5 That the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol shall have the right to use any or all poles of said company, its successors and assigns, now erected or hereafter to be erected for the purpose of attaching a wire or wires or cable or any fire alarm or police telegraph or telephone system now in use or hereafter to be used and adopted by the said Borough of Bristol.

Sec. 6. That the said telephone company, its successors and assigns, shall place and maintain a set of its telephone instruments in the town hall, in the buildings of Fire Company No. 1, Fire Company No. 2 and Fire Company No. 3 in said Borough of Bristol, to be connected and kept connected with its telephone system at all times, and to be used by said borough and fire companies respectively for local calls within the said Borough of Bristol free of charge and to be kept in good repair and working order by said company, its successors and assigns. And in addition to such free local service the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, shall annually and every year hereafter, during the term of each grant, while it maintains and operates said telephone system within the Borough of Bristol, issue and deliver to the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol four (4) toll line service coupon books of the value of Five Dollars each, and each book contains forty coupons and each coupon to be of the denomination and value of ten cents, to be used by the Police Department of the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol for calls over the telephone system of the said Company, its successors and assigns, other than the local calls hereinbefore set forth) on any and all business pertaining thereto, and which said coupons shall be good until used and shall be accepted and received by the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, in payment of calls over its telephone system, including the city and County of Philadelphia; and which said coupons shall be in addition to and exclusive of the free local service hereinbefore provided for

Sec. 7. That nothing in this ordinance contained shall be taken or construed to affect the rights and privileges granted to any other company or companies to use the said streets of the Borough of Bristol for any purpose, nor to grant unto the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, any exclusive right to erect, construct and maintain a telephone system within said Borough of Bristol, and in the construction and operation of its telephone system the said company, its successors and assigns, shall use the most approved means to prevent the construction and operation of its said telephone system from in any manner interfering with the operation of the electric light, trolley, telephone or other company or companies having the right to use the streets of the borough of Bristol; and provided further that all wires or and shall be provided with insulating coverings mounted on insulating material, wherever they enter any building.

Sec 8. That the said the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, shall be subject to any and all regulations and ordinances, regulating the maintenance and operation of its said telephone system in the Borough of Bristol, which the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol may from time to time enact.

Sec. 9 That the telephone system hereby authorized shall be constructed by the said company, its successors or assigns, under the supervision of the Street Committee of said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol.

Sec. 10 That the said the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, shall pay to the treasurer of the borough of Bristol, for the use of said borough, on or before the first day of January in each and every year hereafter, while it maintains its said system in said borough the sum of seventy-five cents for and upon every pole erected or hereafter to be erected by it within said borough. Provided, however, that nothing in this ordinance contained shall in any wise be taken or construed to prevent the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol from requiring at any time changing or increasing the said sum so to be paid for each and every pole now erected or hereafter to be erected by the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, within the Borough of Bristol to such a reasonable sum for each and every pole now erected or hereafter to be erected as aforesaid as the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol may deem proper and expedient.

Sec 11. That if at any time the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, shall abandon its line, and cease to operate the same for a period of sixty days, or fail to comply with all of the terms, provisions and conditions of this ordinance, then this ordinance and all the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and become null and void, and the said company its successors and assigns, shall remove all of its wires, cables, poles and other equipments from the streets of said borough, and leave the same in the same good order and condition as they were in before the commencement of the construction of the said telephone system, and in case the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, shall not remove its poles, wires, cables, etc. from the streets, and put the streets in good condition as above mentioned within six months after this ordinance shall have been declared null and void by the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol, for any reason aforesaid, then and in such case the said Burgess and Council shall have the right to remove said poles, wires, cables, etc., and put the streets in good condition as above mentioned, and recover the costs of the same in an action against said company, its successors or assigns.

Sec. 12. That the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, shall and will well and sufficiently save, defend, keep harmless and indemnify the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol of, from and against all loss, costs, damages, counsel fees and expenses, and against the payment of suit money whatsoever for which the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol shall and may, either at law or in equity, or otherwise howsoever, become liable, or which may in any way be recovered against the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol, for or by reason of the erection, construction and maintenance of its said telephone system, or by reason of enacting this ordinance.

Sec. 13. That the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company shall, under its seal and through its proper officers, within sixty days after the approval of this ordinance by the Court of Burgess, signify in writing, filed with the clerk of the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol, its acceptance of this ordinance, and all the regulations, conditions and restrictions therein contained.

Sec. 14. That the said Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company shall, and will, as soon as the bill is rendered therefor, pay to the said Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol, all costs, expenses and counsel fees incurred by the Burgess and Council of Bristol, in preparing, drawing and advertising this ordinance.

Sec. 15. All ordinances and parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed

Entered into an ordinance at the Council Chamber of Bristol borough this 14th day of December A. D. 1903.

J. M. OWENS, President.

Attest: J. WESLEY WRIGHT, Clerk.

Approved the 15th day of December, A. D. 1903

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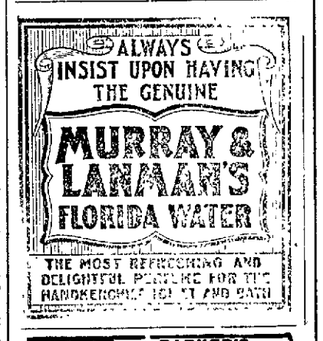

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Council meeting next Monday night.

There has been fine sleighing this week.

Miss Florence M Simpson, of Edgely, is visiting at Norton Heights, Conn.

Captain F G Edwards and family returned on Monday from a sojourn at Cape May.

Miss Harriet Louderbough, of Tioga, Philadelphia, has been home ill for several days.

Miss Bertha Chambers entertained the High School Tennis Club on New Years' evening.

There will be an initiation at the meeting of Fidelity Council No. 21, Jr. O. U. A. M tonight.

M. G. Snively, the Mill street tailor, will start another of his popular suit clubs on January 16.

A license to wed was granted yesterday to William V Ritter and Miss Margaret Newell, of Bristol.

Misses Edith and Helen Oakford, of Merchantville, were visiting Miss Elizabeth Rue last week.

A marriage license was granted last Thursday to Edwin Lever and Mabel Johnson, both of Bristol.

George Louderbough, of Bath street, has gone to New Orleans, where he will spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs Mary A. Wilcox, aged 72 years, died at her home, 212 Dorrance street, last Saturday of chronic bronchitis.

Charles Albertson, of Tullytown, who was taken to the County Home last week, died at that institution on Monday.

This week is being observed by the Methodist congregation as a week of prayer. Services are being held nightly in the chapel

Justus Y. Clark, son of Constable Robert Clark, who has been in Denver for some time, has gone to Alberquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs Mary E Wright, of Atlantic City, who has been visiting Mrs G W. Stranger, will spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Mr and Mrs Walter F Leedom, with a four-horse sleigh, entertained a party of twenty-two from Philadelphia and Torresdale on Tuesday evening.

The Troy Steam Laundry is greatly in need of help and advertise this week for girls who will be given good pay, with a half day holiday on Saturdays

The Pastor's Aid of the First Baptist Church will give a tea at the residence of Mrs Maurice Watson, on Bath street, on Thursday evening, January 21st.

John Shull, who formerly conducted the Bristol News Agency, is now one of the proprietors of a popular restaurant on Vine street, above Eighth, Philadelphia.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held next Wednesday afternoon, January 13, at 3.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Force, on Cedar street, next to the Friends' School.

The Physical Culture Class will meet on Friday evening, January 8th, in the assembly room of the high school building. Mrs. Schetky will have charge of the class this year.

The plumbers are reaping a harvest. Frozen pipes and drains are so numerous that there is hardly a household in town that has not experienced the discomfiture of the cold spell.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Bristol post office: E Batton, John Harmon, F. Irvine, Alice Jones, William Mondy, Lizzie Webb Michaelangelo Marrone, Geovanni Scarinfoli, Jas. Brenton, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F Leedom and son, Miss Alice F. Dorrance, Miss Marie Stuart Dorrance and Howard I. James, Esq., attended the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Bromley Wharton in Philadelphia on New Years' Day.

The Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton Street Railway Company have had surveyors at work in Morrisville running lines with a view of extending the terminus of the road in Morrisville to the approach of the bridge recently abandoned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Howard McMullen has enlisted as plumber on board the United States transport ship "McClellan," which is now in New York harbor waiting sailing orders. Mr. McMullen about a year ago, returned from a long voyage on the "McClellan" after having visited South America, Honolulu, the Philippines and other points

The skating pond provided by the trolley company near Croydon soon caught public favor On New Year's Day the company carried 450 people to the place. That night the Eddington band furnished music and the merry skaters had a fine time, the pond being brightly illuminated with electric lights. When the skating is good the public is made aware of the fact by placards on each end of the trolley cars.

An editorial friend lets himself loose in this bit of sarcasm: "Oh, for the free and careless life of a farmer, with the golden ears hitting the bang board on the corn wagon during the daylight, and the consciousness of a 'well spent life' during the hours of darkness. The hand that yanks the corn ears is the hand that rules the world, and he don't strike. He simply works twenty-three hours a day to feed the son of a gun who works two hours a month to get money enough to go on a strike during the balance of the year. Hurrah for the farmers!"

The numerous Wood "heirs," whose prospects of securing an immense fortune said to have been held by the courts in England, were so flattering a year or so ago, have become discouraged of ever realizing on their anticipations. A lawyer sent over to England has made a final report of the investigation, from which it is learned that while the estate did exist at one time, that the executors under the will absorbed all the residue after certain bequests had been paid, and that there was nothing left for the heirs. The Bristol "heirs" to the alleged Wood estate became satisfied some time ago that the fortune was of a mystical order and withdrew from the association which was looking for English gold.

Serious Fire Averted

When janitor Reuben Pedrick opened the door of Pythian Hall on last Thursday morning, he discovered the building full of smoke. Making a hasty investigation he found that the floor in the lower room near the front heater was on fire. Unable to find a bucket he picked up a cuspidor and carried water in it, being then able to extinguish the flames. Had it not been for "Jersey's" promptness and presence of mind a serious conflagration might have resulted.

Constable Has Stolen Horse.

Constable John Thompson has written the Gazette that he has a mare in his possession which he believes was stolen in Lower Bucks County. The men who had the animal in their possession are now in jail at Little Falls, N. J. The description is as follows: A gray mare about 16 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, high spirited, mane rough, black striped legs, holds head very high. Constable Thompson states that he got the animal with three horse thieves nearly two months ago.

Church Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the male members of the M. E. Church held in the church parlor on last Friday evening John K. Young, Harvey S. Rue and David O. Taylor were elected trustees to serve for three years. After the adjournment of the male members' meeting, the Board of Trustees re-organized for the ensuing year by electing O. M. Foster president; J. W. Wright, secretary, and J K. Young, treasurer. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the church parlor tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock.

Must Clean Pavements of Snow

Acting under instructions of Council, Chief of Police Saxton and his officers are making it a point to see that the ordinance compelling the removal of snow from the pavements of Bristol is rigidly enforced. The ordinance of late has practically been a dead letter and after a fall of snow about one-third of the pavements of town remain uncleaned. The provisions of the ordinance require that within twenty-four hours after each fall of snow it shall be the duty of all tenants or occupants, or in case there is no tenant or occupant, the owner of all real estate within the borough, to clean and remove all snow from the pavements or sidewalks and gutters in front of and around their respective properties. Any refusal or neglect to comply with the regulations of the ordinance, entails a fine of five dollars.

Mellick and Plant Want Bristol Franchise.

An effort is again being made to make Bristol a point in the National League Basketball circuit. Notwithstanding the fact that the craze has apparently died out here and that the people have taken but little interest in the sport since Manager Smith sold out to Burlington, another attempt will probably be made to win audiences at the auditorium.

A meeting of the National League managers was held in Camden on Sunday and plans were made for a determined effort to reorganize the league on a business basis with a circuit of six teams, including Camden, Millville, Conshohocken, St Bridget s, Trenton and Bristol. Al. Mellick and Len Plant made application for the Bristol franchise and the league will in all probability award it to them.

Miss York Entertained Friends.

A party of friends was entertained by Miss Mary G. York at her residence, corner of Cedar and Mulberry streets, on last Friday evening. Miss York, who is a student at the West Chester State Normal School, is a very amiable young lady and performed her duties as hostess in a most cordial and pleasing manner. The evening was spent in playing games and at a late hour refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. York, Mr and Mrs Frank Horn, Mr. and Mrs. D O Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. J T Stradling, Mr and Mrs W F. Hall, Mrs. Harvey S. Rue, Misses Mary G York, Annie York, Bessie Rue, Laura King, Mamie King, Lizzie Bevan, Beulah Stradling, Doron Green, Harry York, Irvin Beam, Martin Percy, George Leigh, William Jarvis, Misses Helen and Edith Oakford, of Merchantville, and Edward Forrest, of Philadelphia.

Sang in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horn entertained a party of friends at their home on Walnut street on last Thursday evening. The new and popular game of "Flinch" proved a pleasant diversion, while the selections rendered by a male quartette consisting of Messrs. Harry Bunting, Howard Case, W. F Hall and Harry York were much enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served at a late hour and as the hands of the clock approached the hour of twelve, the guests gathered around the piano and sang in the new year. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horn, Mr and Mrs. Angus C. York, Mr and Mrs. Harry Bunting, Mr. and Mrs W. F. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Doron Green, Misses Mary G. York, Annie York, Bessie Rue, Laura King, Wesley Sipler, Howard Case, Harry York, Frank Streeper, Irvin Beam, and Edward Forrest, of Philadelphia

Died in a Cab.

Mrs. Rose Booth, aged 39 years, a colored woman employed in the family of L. A Hoguet, on Mill street, Bristol, died in a cab on New Years Day while being conveyed to the County Hospital, at Doylestown.

Being threatened with a spell of illness, upon the recommendation of the physician, arrangements were made to have the woman taken to the County Home, and accordingly a cab was engaged at Comfort's livery stable, and, although in a feeble condition, a start was made on the journey of twenty-two miles, a daughter accompanying the woman on the trip. At Richboro a stop was made to water the horses and Len Comfort, the driver, declares he opened the cab door, and was satisfied that his passenger was standing the trip well. When the county seat was reached, the driver opened the cab door to assist the occupant to alight when he was horrified to find that his passenger was dead, she having expired in her daughter's arms a half hour before reaching the destination. The body was brought back to Bristol and the funeral held on Monday at the A. M. E Church. The deceased had only been in Bristol a few months, having come here from Virginia with her daughter.

A Chapter of Accidents.

Postmaster Minster, of Bristol, had a series of accidents at his home last week that caused him to believe that he was under the spell of some evil genius. On New Year's Day Mr. Minster went to the cellar to attend to the furnace and placed a lighted lamp on a shelf. After giving the heater the required attention he went upstairs and forgot the lamp until noticing a volume of smoke pouring up through the parlor carpet. Investigation revealed the fact that the lamp had set fire to the boards in the ceiling of the cellar. The incipient blaze was extinguished without causing much damage. The next day, while the family was at dinner, a servant girl fell over an oil stove that was burning in the hall on the second floor, upsetting the stove and causing the burning oil to spread over the floor. With the aid of blankets the fire was put out after destroying carpets, rugs, curtains, etc. The following day Mrs. Minster met with a painful accident in the bath room, where some boards had been removed by the plumber from the floor, by stepping in the open space and breaking through the lath and plaster of the ceiling below. In order to be extracted from her painful position, a young lady who was at the house at the time had to go to the floor below and, standing on a table, break the laths away and push Mrs. Minster's foot up through the ceiling. On Sunday the water pipes in the house bursted in the bath room, flooding the place and damaging the room below.

The genial postmaster rarely gets ruffled but he came to the conclusion that he had enough excitement for one week.

LOCAL NEWS.

On last Thursday Supervisor Samuel Updike, of East Bristol township, took Edward Cox, aged about 70 years, to the County Home.

The section gang of the Philadelphia and Easton trolley company is planting poles between Riegelsville and the Durham Iron Works.

The ice in the Delaware at Riegelsville is nearly two feet thick. During the gorge the temporary ferry was abandoned and the United States mail was carried across the river on the tramway used in the construction of the new bridge.

The Lansdale postoffice was moved on New Year's Day from the East ward to the old National Bank building in the West ward. The change was the result of a campaign that has been conducted by the citizens of the West ward for several years. They claimed to possess superior advantages in that ward and the building in the East ward which the office occupied was too small to accommodate the growing business. An inspector from the Post Office Department at Washington recently made a survey of the conditions and recommended the change.

David O Cornell, the indicted director of the First National Bank, of Asbury Park, now defunct, in which Bucks countians are interested, was admitted to bail in the sum of $5 000 in the United States District Court on Monday, following a formal plea of not guilty. Counsel for Cornell endeavored to have the bail fixed at $1,500, but Judge Kirkpatrick declared that he would not fix so small an amount in view of the fact that the prisoner fought extradition papers served on the Governor of New York, and had sought to avoid the New Jersey authorities. The indictment against Cornell is for perjury in swearing to false statements of the condition of the banking institution, which false reports were forwarded to the United States Comptroller of the Treasury. Michael E. Sexton a hotelkeeper of Asbury Park, qualified as Mr. Cornell's bondsman.

Of Interest Concerning Leap Year.

In the coming February we shall have five "Blue Mondays." Will some of the school children or school teachers tell us the origin of this phrase? We should very much like to know it. In return for this information we will tell them something which perhaps they would like to know, and we hope they will pardon us for presuming that they are not already familiar with it. It is this, February in Leap Year has 29 days, and in general, in any month, the 29th always comes on the same day of the week as the first, so that you can often count up very quickly without a calendar to find when a certain day comes. Twenty-nine days is four weeks and one day over, so whatever day the first is, the last will be the same, and we shall have five of those days in that month. This year in February we shall have five "Blue Mondays" but do not complain, we shall not have them again for 28 years after this. You children all know that Leap year comes every four years, but Monday does not come on the first of February in this regular way. It will not come for 6 years after this year, and then for 11 years after that, for 6 years after that, and again for 5 years after that. Now you see that 4 will not divide into these numbers or into their sums, until we take them all which added up make 28 and in 1932 or 28 years and seventh Leap year from the present time Monday will come on the first of February on Leap year again. As February on the 29th takes possession of Monday which otherwise would have belonged to the first of March, the first of March skips over Monday and takes possession of Tuesday and all the other days of the months follow its example skipping over the days of the week like a game of leap frog until the 28th of February next year when February dropping the 29th the first of March takes up the day of the week that February 29th otherwise would have done and the days go on in the old way for another four years and we shall have Leap year in this way without any omission for a long time, not until the year 2100 will it be left out. You know the reason it will be left out then. It was in this paper week before last. But in the year 2100 none of us will care whether they have Leap year on earth or not. Where do you think we will all be then?

S. S. PENISTON.

Andalusia, Jan. 2.

The New York Tribune Almanac.

Of course it is possible to worry through life without keeping a Tribune Almanac at your elbow, but is worth while—does it pay? For 25 cents a year this publication supplies you with a really marvelous amount of information, and the man who has it is an authority in his neighborhood. He doesn't have to be "guessing" or "supposing" about election pluralities, the names of Cabinet Ministers, Senators, Congressman, Governors or Judges. He doesn't have to rely upon his memory when anything comes up about the big events of the preceding year or in relation to our army or navy, sporting records, or, in fact, almost anything else of record worth knowing. If you never examined The Tribune Almanac just invest a quarter for once, and see how well pleased you'll be. The 1904 one will be on sale January 1, and may be had from your newsdealer, through your local paper or direct from The Tribune Office, New York.

Kept His Place Warm.

This story is told of a successful general, who was far from being a brilliant scholar at school. After he became famous he one day dropped into the old school to pay a visit to the scene of his former woes. The teacher was anxious to make a good impression on the general, and put the pupils through their lessons so as to show them to the best advantage. After a while the general said: "But which is the dunce? You have one, surely. Show him to me." The teacher called up the poor fellow, who looked the picture of woe as he bashfully came towards the distinguished visitor. "Are you the dunce?" asked the general. "Yes, sir," said the boy. "Well, my good fellow," said the general, "here is a dollar for you for keeping my place warm."

Limit to Good Roads Work.

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz has rendered an opinion to State Highway Commissioner Hunter in which he says that the electors of the township cannot arbitrarily fix the amount to be expended on good roads with the expectancy that the county and State must pay their proportionate share of the cost. The voters of Middletown township, this county, voted to issue $50,000 in bonds to improve the township's roads under the road law of 1903, but under this decision the county cannot be compelled to pay a like sum of $50,000 and the State $200 000 toward the improvement of the roads of the township.

Catarrh and Hay Fever.

Liquid Cream Balm is becoming quite as popular in many localities as Ely's Cream Balm solid. It is prepared for use in atomizers, and is highly prized by those who have been accustomed to call upon physicians for such a treatment. Many physicians are using and prescribing it. All the medicine properties of the celebrated Cream Balm are contained in the Liquid form, which is 75 cts. including a spraying tube. All druggists, or by mail. Ely Brothers. 56 Warren St., New York.

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Allen-Tibbs.

Eli M. Allen, of Bridgewater, Pa., and Miss Julia M. Tibbs, of Cornwells, were married on Monday, January 4, 1804, by the Rev. Charles Bowden, of Camden, N. J.

Will Change Polling Place

A numerously signed petition will be presented to court praying for the change of the voting place of the Second ward of Bristol from Ralymond's store, corner of Lafayette and Pond streets, to the store of Philip Winter, corner of Pond and Washington street. The change would be a great improvement as the present location is entirely inadequate to the requirements. The Second ward, excepting the entire borough of Perkasie, has the greatest number of voters of any election district in the county, and yet it is doubtful if any precinct has had poorer accommodations.

Death of Former Bristolian.

Charles F. Steel, a former resident of Bristol, who was connected with the firm of E. T. Steel & Co., the local manufacturers, died at his home in Brooklyn on Saturday at the age of 72 years. He was a brother of the late Edward T. Steel and at one time superintended the printing of postage stamps by the National Bank Note Company. He invented many improvements on the system of stamp printing. At the time of his death he was associated with the firm of A. W. & W. A. White, of New York. Mr. Steel was a Shakespeare student and wrote much upon the subject.

Death of Mary Vanzant.

Miss Mary Vansant, aged 51 years, daughter of the late Abel and Mary Vansant, who resided with her brother, Joseph H Vansant, on Mill street, Bristol, died at midnight on Sunday after having been a sufferer for eight years with paralysis. She had a second attack last October, and the third stroke a few days ago proved fatal. The deceased is survived by her brother, Joseph H. Vansant, and a sister, Mrs. John Lowden. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Lowden on Walnut street. Rev. Charles H. Rorer, of Philadelphia, former pastor of the Bristol Methodist Church, conducted the services. Interment was made at the Bristol Cemetery.

The Cold Snap.

Since Sunday Bristol and vicinity has been in the frozen grasp of the severest cold snap that has visited this region for a number of years The storm started on Saturday with a heavy fall of snow and sleet and on Sunday the temperature was about 8 degrees above zero, which fell on Sunday night to 8 below. Monday the mercury failed to get beyond 10 above, and Tuesday morning showed that it marked 5 below. Wednesday the weather moderated somewhat and warmer weather is predicted. The river is frozen solidly, the ice averaging about 8 inches in thickness. Travel between Burlington and Bristol is made on the ice. The trolley companies have experienced a great deal of trouble in operating their lines. The tracks were cleaned on the Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton line by snow plows, but a break-down at the power house delayed traffic until Tuesday afternoon. About all trains on the Pennsylvania railroad have been running behind schedules.

New Trolley Schedule.

A new time table has gone into effect on the Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton trolley line. Beginning last Tuesday and continuing until further notice cars will run between Bristol and Morrisville every 40 minutes, instead of every 30 minutes as heretofore. Cars to Torresdale, instead of leaving Bristol 10 minutes of and 20 minutes after the hour, now leave on the even hour and half-hour.

The following is the correct schedule:

Bristol to Morrisville—5 45. 6 25, 7 05, 7 45, 8.30, 9 10, 9 50, 10 30, 11 10, 11.50 a. m , 12 30, 1.10, 1 50, 2.30, 3 10, 3 50, 4.30, 5.10, 5 50, 6 30, 7.10, 7.50, 8 30, 9.10, 9.50, 10.30, 11.10 11 50 p. m. The 11.50 p. m. runs to Tullytown only.

Morrisville to Bristol—6 25, 7 05, 7.45, 8.30, 9.10, 9.50, 10 30, 11 10, 11.50 a. m., 12 30, 1.10, 1 50, 2 30, 3.10, 3 50, 4 30, 5 10, 5 50, 6 30, 7 10, 7.50, 8.30, 9.10, 9 50 10 30, 11 10, 11.50 p. m. Last car to Tullytown only.

Bristol to Torresdale and Torresdale to Bristol, cars leave each point every 30 minutes commencing at 6 a. m.

No Right to Tax Poles.

A decision that has an important bearing upon the actions of the councils of the borough of Bristol and other towns, was handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, in which the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania was reversed. The decision was on the ground that municipalities have no right to impose a revenue tax upon telegraph or telephone poles. The State Supreme Court had upheld that right in the case of the borough of New Hope in this county. Justice Peckham, who hands down the decision, holds that the tax is too high to allow of their being considered as inspection taxes as the borough had contended.

About a year ago Chief Justice Fuller in the case of the borough of New Hope against the Western Union Telegraph Company handed down an opinion confirming the decision of the State Supreme Court and holding that the ordinance taxing poles was a reasonable one. By the decision of Justice Peckham this decision is reversed in the case of the Postal Telegraph Company. William C. Ryan, Esq., of Doylestown, argued both cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Samson, having been shorn of his locks, upbraided Delilah for her act. "It's your own fault," she said. "You should have known enough to become a musician or an actor." Thereupon the populace laughed: but he got even later by pulling the temple down on their heads.

"Mabel," said little Jennie to her big sister at breakfast, "did you tell papa?" "Tell papa what?" asked Mabel. "Why, you told Mr. Buster last night if he did it again you'd tell papa—and he did it again. I saw him!" And then papa looked at Mabel over his glasses.

Friend: "You didn't stay in that Western town long." Young Doctor: "No; only six weeks, and there was only one case in the whole town during that time." Friend: "But you had that case, didn't you?" Young Doctor: "Yes, had it good and hard—it was a case of homesickness."

He: "I understand you have been attending an ambulance class. Can you tell me what is the best thing to do for a broken heart?" She: "Oh, yes. Find up the broken portion with a gold band, bathe with orange blossom water, and apply plenty of raw rice. Guaranteed to be well in a month.

An English weekly tells of an American innocent abroad who was unimpressed by the Eiffel Tower. To a proud Frenchman he announced that in America they had a tower so high that they had to let down the tops at night. "Vat for you let down ze tops? cried the astounded Gaul. "So as to let the moon get by," replied the heir of George Washington.

President Roosevelt, in his annual message, stated that for the last fiscal year there had been 25,566 persons appointed through competitive examinations under Civil Service rules. This was 12,672 more than for any previous year, and forty per cent of all who passed the examinations. There will be a post office examination in this city the first Wednesday or Saturday after May 1. There will be examinations in several places in this State for Railway Mail Clerks, Stenographers, and many other positions during March and April. The Columbian Correspondence College of Washington, D. C., has issued an announcement giving the dates and places for holding examinations, the age limits, physical qualifications, education required, and full information about the various positions in the Government Civil Service, and it will be sent free to all who write for it.

A SUNDAY SERMON.

By the Rev. Thomas J. MacKay, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bristol.

"THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL."

At the first Baptist Church, Cedar and Walnut streets Rev. Thomas J. MacKay, pastor, took for his text, First Tim., 1-11. Mr. MacKay said in part:

The glorious gospel of the past, and the divine gospel preached in the future will ever be a subject of the research of men, and the wonder of the world of letters. Men have buried it under tons of profundity, and yet the poor have received it gladly. This glorious gospel has been covered with ceremony knee deep, and yet God has revealed it unto babes in Christ, and they have received it gladly. I cannot place before the mind a better picture than the one given by our Lord, when He saw the man at the pool of Bethesda and healed the man who had been waiting there for a number of years. The glorious gospel is a pool broad as eternity in which all may come and be cleansed. This gospel of Christ is like a flower, many admire it, yet the little bee comes and gets the honey from it while we are admiring it. Let us extract the divine honey and sweeten our souls. This gospel of Christ is like leaven, very sour to the natural taste, yet mixed by divine grace and divine love it makes holy bread on which the soul may feed. Some have called it a delusion. O glorious delusion, may we be buried in it, and resurrected in it, and we know we shall be saved in its delusion

The gospel recalls to my mind a scene witnessed in my boyhood. A ferry boat was leaving its berth, a man came running, jumped but missed the boat and fell into the river. A man on shore cried, "wait," and came running and took good aim and threw a life-buoy, and it rested over the drowning man. O how he clung to that life saver. That is the true gospel, that man that threw that life-buoy represented Christ, the life buoy the salvation purchased by the divine Christ on Calvary for a drowning world. Celsus once said, "a man must be mad to think that all Nations of the earth, with their different gods and various religions, can be brought together in one religion." Yet you and I see the Nations of the earth today worshiping the one Christ, and the human family gathered about the cross of Christ, in one grand brotherhood. This dear old gospel is like leaven placed in two measures of meal, it goes through the entire being, creating a new creation, in Christ Jesus. Again this old gospel is like a net cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind, which when it was full they drew to shore. Under the divine gospel the poor of the earth is the brother of the rich, the unlearned is the brother of the learned of the earth. Under the glorious gospel of Christ my sister, that fallen woman is thy sister. The blessed Christ had little to say regarding the kings of the world but linked for all time the name of poor Lazereth, and the woman who washed his feet with tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head. The poor woman of Nain, and the poor woman casting her all in the treasure of the temple are linked together.

You and I need not ask where shall we get the material to build up the kingdom of Christ. You can find it at your door, carry them this glorious gospel of Christ; they need it, you want it, and they look to you and I for the consolation of this Christ of comfort. You can find poor Lazareth at your door. Throw thy self on the divine arm, and He will sustain thee, for by divine help one may chase a thousand, and come off victorious. Will Jesus say of you and I, "could you not watch with me one hour." O God, give us the commission He gave Ananias, "go into the street that is called straight, and inquire for Saul of Tarsus, for behold he prayeth," and Ananias went and said, "brother Saul the Lord hath sent me to thee, that thou might receive thy sight, and divine life." May it be said of this church "I know thy works, and labor of love," may I say to you, as it was said to the sister of Lazereth, "the Master is come, and calleth for thee." Note the last part of the text, "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust." In the name of God I commit it to thy trust and with extended hands I ordain you to carry it to the poor and needy, and go out into the byways and compel them to come in, that the Lord's house might be filled according to the glorious gospel committed to your care.

When to Drink.

The best time to drink water or other liquid in quantity is on rising, an hour and a half before luncheon and dinner, and half an hour before retiring. Generally speaking, people do not drink water enough, or if they do, it is at the wrong time. Water may be taken at the close of a meal, but if many glasses are drunk with meals, disorders of digestion may follow. In fact, the desire to drink water copiously at meal time is often an evidence of indigestion. Not more than two glasses of water or other liquid should be taken at meal time, and practically no water should be drunk when soup is served. Hot water may be taken on rising and retiring for those who are sensitive to cold during the winter months. Hot water is soothing and quickly absorbed. It stimulates the secretion of bile, especially if the liver is repeatedly signaled by taking the water in sips. Cold water in the morning is to be preferred if there is constipation. Pure water washes waste products from the system, but impure water, although it may be rendered safe by boiling, is of little use in removing waste from the system. The protracted use of hot water internally is debilitating, as is also its too free use externally. Ice water, unless sipped slowly, retards digestion. Water that is refreshingly cool is best at all times when there is no good excuse or reason for the use of hot water. Milk may be taken with fish, fruit, eggs and cereals, but not with meat; and it should not be used as a beverage when vegetables are eaten. It should be sipped after any food in the mouth is swallowed. Coffee goes with meat, as do also cereal coffees and water. Tea may be taken with eggs and fish, but should not be taken with meat. The tannin of the tea hardens the meat fibre. Water goes with everything, but is best taken in quantity on an empty stomach. Dyspepsia often begins in childhood, and is due to allowing children to drink too freely with their meals, especially children who are convalescing from diseases which affect the mucus membrane, such as measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria and whooping cough.

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DIED.

WONDERLIN.—On the 5th inst Charles T., son of Charles E and Lennie Wonderlin, aged 19 months. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the parents residence, 6 3 Cedar street, Bristol, on Friday afternoon, January 8, 1904, at 2 o'clock.

The Young Men of Today.

The young men of today are too finicky—too much given to self analysis, too self pampering. Their shoes and neckties cost more each year than did the entire wardrobe of their grandfathers. They feel a sense of degradation in small beginnings and plodding, and they wait for success ready made to come to them. There is not a young man in the country who would imitate Ben Franklin and march through the streets munching a loaf of bread while looking for employment. He dares not, indeed, because society has become also finicky, and he would be arrested as a tramp. The young man of today wants capital. He cannot be president of a bank or judge of a court the first week he is from school, and he feels like the famous Eli Pussley, that he has "no chance"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Blue Mountain Tea.

The foliage and flowers of all the goldenrods, says the Philadelphia Press, are imbued with an astringent principle and are moderately stimulant so that their suitability for the manufacture of a domestic tea was recognized by the American colonists as long ago as when George III. was king over them. One species, the fragrant leaved goldenrod, known sometimes as Blue Mountain tea, possesses in addition the flavor of licorice. Drunk piping hot in the wilderness it makes a pleasant feature in the camper's limited menu. The especial kind of goldenrod begins to bloom quite early in the summer and is easy of recognition.

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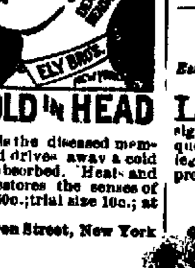

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A BETRAYAL of CONFIDENCE

....By Howard Fielding

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IT was the sound of my own voic that waked me from the state of semiconscious wretchedness which I call sleep. The hour was uncertain, but the night seemed on the wane. The room had the gray gloom of a dim cell under ground, and the four walls lurked in shadows like four dark robed inquisitors watching some tortured victim on the rack.

I sat upon a pillow with my back against the brazen grille at the head of the bed. The bars were as cold as an Eskimo's idea of perdition, and no doubt they printed their pattern on me as I crouched there for two minutes gibbering like a scared monkey. Having attained full consciousness through this pleasant process, which has be-

A MAN WITH A LANTERN LEADS ME TO A LITTLE INN.

come quite usual with me, I began to repeat the phrase that I had uttered automatically before waking:

"As her husband is a citizen of Rhode Island"—

Could it be possible that I had put those words into a letter addressed to the one person in the world who mustn't know that the young woman in question has a husband? I knew myself too well to doubt that I had done it. My memory, for all useful purposes, is gone. I meet my friends and do not know their names. I talk with them and forget the subject which is under discussion even while I am in the very act of discussing it.

But when I am asleep—or sunk in that purgatory of mental stress through which I never can quite win my way into the heaven of sleep—I am liable to remember anything—minute details of my boyhood, the exact turn of a phrase or glance of an eye that marked a scene of youth, but chiefly my own faults and errors. These, whether of long ago or of the day just done come into my mind with startling suddenness and always with absolute accuracy, so far as I am able to determine. Sometimes I repeat aloud my own words or those of others; sometimes I utter vain protests against the recurrence of such thoughts, but the end is always the same—I pass through purgatory in the wrong direction and am cast into the torment of Wide-awake.

The way in which this memory had come to me stamped it as genuine. Moreover, I have a rule for such matters, and I rely upon it with a sad certainty—that which is good is a dream that which is bad is true.

I arose, shivering, and huddled some clothes upon me, with a heavy hooded bath robe over them. Then I made a fire of sea coal in the parlor and sat down before it to meditate upon a state of affairs which, briefly stated, was this:

An old gentleman named Christopher Hooper, who lives in Sayville, on the Maine coast, a pretty little town where I have spent a summer or two, had written to me for a legal opinion upon the status of certain property. He particularly desired to know what would become of it in case he should die without a will. He did not say why he wished to die without a will, but I was of the opinion that he might do worse. Indeed, I was considerably relieved to find that such was his intention. If he should not change his mind upon this point his granddaughter, Gertrude Ellis, would inherit about a quarter of a million dollars, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In regard to the property mentioned in his letter asking my advice there might be a squabble over the matter of partition, and if litigation should arise the situation would be complicated by the fact that Gertrude was no longer a minor, with a legal residence in Maine, but was secretly married to Robert N. Ellis of Rhode Island.

Ellis was a young man who had had a little money and had lost it through neglecting the advice of Christopher Hooper. This was a serious offense, but he had cut himself off from pardon by taking a position on a newspaper. Mr. Hooper despised all newspapers as a result of having been abused by one of them in the course of a political campaign in 1868. Ellis had met Gertrude in summer vacations, as I had. He was still in his youth and with a sunny view of life. It was better that he should win her. I had never striven against him nor said one word in my own cause. I had no exalted notions of self abnegation. I thought that this would be like other sorrows, but somehow it isn't.

They made a great friend of me, and when it came to their childish folly of a secret marriage I was their sole confidant. I tried to dissuade them, selfishly, generously, I don't know which. Perhaps the meeting of those storms of different considerations in my brain may have had something to do with the condition of it. At any rate, if it hurt me it benefited no one else. They were married as a guarantee to Ellis that old Christopher Hooper's opposition should not wreck his hopes. The ceremony occurred in New York, where Gertrude spends her winters with an aunt who is so dull of wit that I think the wedding might have taken place in her own parlor and she have been none the wiser. I was the only accomplice.

It was some months later that I had

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dr. Hooper. As I sat swer it I said to myself: "I careful. I don't know what I'm about."

I had done my best with it, and my best had been as bad as possible, for those words had crept in:

"As her husband is a citizen of Rhode Island"—

The name of the state would identify the man, and as Hooper had once been led to fear a secret marriage no lies, though backed by all the resources of perjury that are known to a New York lawyer, could repair the mischief.

Beyond doubt I had arranged matters so that Mr Hooper would not die without a will. No direct advice upon the point could have been half so effective. If he lived long enough to find a bottle of ink after reading my letter Gertrude would be disinherited.

What was to be done? Upon this point I tried to think clearly. There must be a way out of it. I said to myself that if I could have ten minutes of real sleep—nay, but five—I could think my way through this difficulty. With deliberation I laid my heavy head against the cushioned chair and closed my eyes despite the force of the springs that held them open—springs that pressed incessantly so that the orbits of the eyes were sore. I saw many visions—the old days at Sayville; Gertrude, seventeen years old, upon a tennis field shaking down the masses of her hair disordered in the game, the picture of youth; the first time I ever saw her. But this has nothing to do with the letter. I must think of that.

Mailed about half past 10 of the evening, it had not yet started on its way to Boston. Only one mail a day at Sayville. I wrote a letter to Gertrude once and beat it to Sayville by a full day's time. If I take the fast express at 10 o'clock this morning I may be there in time. In that case I'll find some way to intercept the letter. I'll bribe a servant. So that's all settled and off my mind, and I may sit here in this chair and dream of things that aren't true. All that is good is a dream.

It is a comfort to ride in a railroad train. The engineer knows his way and the conductor, for a consideration, will put an absent minded passenger off at the proper station. If he happens to forget to render this service why should the absent minded passenger make trouble? Rather let him be comforted by the thought that some one else has lost his memory. However, Boston is a terminal, so there is no risk.

In Boston it is raining to a degree that Noah never saw the like of. The roof of the cab in which I across the city roars with the flood that is descending upon it.

Beyond Boston the train seems like a submarine boat. Night closes in, and the rain still falls. We are late at Portland, later yet at the junction where I must change to the little branch road.

A man with a lantern leads me to a little inn that looms in an ocean of rain. He takes it for granted that I want to go to bed. Probably he has never seen a man who did not have that natural inclination at such an hour of the morning.

Next day the weather had cleared. The sun shone brightly, but the whole

"HAS HE BEEN TO THE MAIL?" I DEMANDED

region seemed to be a lake. I had many misgivings, yet the branch train started confidently on time. It ran about ten miles and then stopped while the track ahead was tested and repaired. A few miles farther along the same process was repeated, and so we crept down to Belfast, arriving too late for the boat across the bay.

Mails reach Sayville about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, coming down by stage along the east bank of the Penobscot. By the best calculation that I could make my letter had been in the very train that had taken me to the junction. It would probably fail to make connections at Bangor because of the storm and would not go down to Sayville until next day, but if I should wait for tomorrow's boat I might be too late to intercept the letter, the margin of time being very narrow. Therefore it was advisable for me to hire my own transportation across the bay.

It was 2 o'clock when we drifted into Sayville harbor.

While I was walking up the main street of the town I encountered Hiram Banks, who was Mr. Hooper's handy man.

"Rather early for summer visitors, ain't it?" he inquired. "How'd ye come? Sailboat, eh? You must 'a' b'en in a hurry. Goin' up to the house, I suppose. I knew Mr. Hooper 'd written to ye. He's sick. Just took; quite bad. I'm goin' for the doctor."

"Has he been to the mail?" I demanded.

"Just come from there," he replied, "when he was took."

So my letter had come despite my hopes, and it had prostrated the old man. Well, I might have expected as much. What was to be done? My mind refused to take hold of the problem, but some instinct directed my body. I went to the telegraph office and sent this message to Gertrude:

"Matter of R. N. E. necessitates your coming here at once."

Then I went to the Hooper house. The old gentleman was quite ill, and the doctor advised me not to try to see him. I waited till evening, when he was considerably improved, and then I went to his room. His first words let me know that he had not received my letter, but in the meantime I had had a telegram from Gertrude saying that she had started. I had not the resolution to tell Mr. Hooper this. Gertrude must explain her own coming. As to mine, I had no trouble, alleging his letter as the excuse for it.

I went down to the Belfast boat to meet Gertrude next day. My soul feared the sight of her.

The boat did not bring her, and I hurried back to the house. Banks was standing on the steps.

"She came by the stage," said he. "I meant to tell ye 'twas likely."

"The stage?" I gasped.

"It gets in an hour earlier Thursdays," said he. "Don't ye remember?"

GERTRUDE WAS SITTING BESIDE THE COUCH

"Remember?" I echoed, striking my forehead with my clinched hand. "How should I remember anything? Where is she?"

"Gone up to his room," he replied.

"Have you heard"—

"I ain't heard nothing," said he. "Is there likely to be a rumpus?"

I strode by him into the parlor and flung my overcoat off upon the floor. As I did so something fell out of the breast pocket. I picked it up. It was my letter to Christopher Hooper.

I had forgotten to mail it! All this mental torment, this self accusation, this scurrying across country, this insane summons to Gertrude, had been wholly unnecessary. The affliction which had caused the trouble had, in the mystery of divine mercy, averted it or would have done so but for my own panic.

I ripped the letter open. It was a lengthy communication, but I knew just where to look for the bit of lunacy that had dribbled from my pen. There it stood, most plainly written down: "As her husband is a citizen of Rhode Island." The phrase had recurred to me accurately in sleep.

The need of the moment was for quick and accurate thought upon the present emergency, but there was no one to think it. I stood wringing the letter in my dripping hands until it was a mere rag, and my mind was wrung in precisely the same way. All I could think of was that Gertrude was in the room over my head. Without a notion as to what I should say or do I rushed up the stairs four at a leap.

Some one said "Come in!" as I knocked at Hooper's door. Entering, I beheld the old gentleman lying upon a couch and propped up with pillows. His white hair floated round his head. It was of a perfect whiteness and as fine as the strands of a sunbeam. With his clear blue eyes it gave him a certain beauty, and I marked a serenity upon his countenance that was not quite its customary expression.

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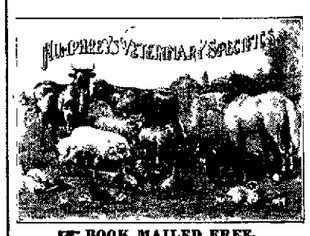

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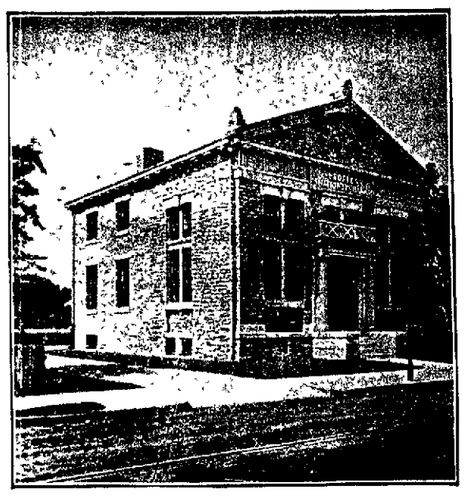

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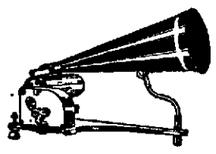

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